

Volume I, Section 2 - COD Overview of Changes from 2007-2008 to 2008-2009

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The following tables provide an overview of the changes made from 2007-2008 to 2008-2009 for Common Origination and Disbursement (COD). The change descriptions are organized by the following three categories: Added, Modified, and Removed. The first column provides a description of each change. The second, third, fourth and fifth columns indicate if the change affects the Pell Grant, Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG), National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant, or Direct Loan Program respectively.

Table of Changes from 2007-2008 to 2008-2009 for Common Origination and Disbursement				
Description	Pell Grant Program	ACG Program	National SMART Grant Program	Direct Loan Program
Added				
Implement new edits for Inconsistent Identifiers on PLUS Awards	X	X	X	X
Updating MPN Expiration Date for Award Discharges				X
Additional Unsubsidized Indicator functionality				X
Scheduled Award Amount, Percent Eligibility Used by Scheduled Award, Total Percent Eligibility Used by Academic Year Level for ACG, and National SMART Grant		X	X	
Common Record Response Tags (Year to Date Disbursement Amount, Total Eligibility Used)		X	X	
New Rigorous High School Program Codes		X		
New Eligible Majors			X	
Modified				
Updated all Award Year indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message Classes • Valid date ranges 	X	X	X	X
Pell Grant Verification-W cut-off deadline date functionality	X			
Break Edit 16 into separate edits				X
Multiple Reporting Record Layout, Year-To-Date Layout	X	X	X	
PLUS MPN Print Specifications				X
Removed				
<i>n/a</i>				

Added

Inconsistent Identifiers on PLUS Awards

The COD System will enforce more rigorous edit logic when processing originations and maintenance records for PLUS awards for Award Year 2008-2009 and forward. If the value in the SSN identifier tag on the student block matches the value in the SSN identifier tag on the borrower block, the system will treat the award as a Grad PLUS origination and execute new edit logic comparing the other student and borrower identifier tags. If the value in the SSN identifier tag on the student block is different from the value in the SSN identifier tag on the borrower block, the system will treat the award as a Parent PLUS award and execute new edit logic comparing the other student and borrower identifier tags.

Additionally, maintenance records submitted for **all programs** that change a Person's Date of Birth may trigger new Reject Edit 149 if the Person is either a Student or a Borrower for a Parent PLUS award that currently exists on the system.

For more information regarding student and borrower identifier requirements, please reference the Identifiers topics in Volume II, Section 1- Implementation Guide of this Technical Reference. The new edits are described in detail in Volume II, Section 4 - Edits.

Updating MPN Expiration Date for Award Discharges

The COD System will update the MPN Expiration Date and MPN Status when an award is discharged due to Discharge Reasons of Death, Unauthorized Signature/Unauthorized Payment, and Identity Theft (D, G, or I).

COD processes a discharge reversal when a Discharge Transaction (DDS) record with a Discharge Type of R. The transaction will reverse all of the effects of the original discharge transaction and COD will recalculate the MPN Expiration Date and MPN Status that were inactivated by a previously received discharge.

For more information, please reference the Loan Discharge topic in Volume II, Section 1 - Implementation Guide.

Additional Unsubsidized Indicator Functionality

New edits (154, 156) will be introduced to limit the amount of funds awarded to students when the school is not awarding additional unsubsidized funding. These edits will be based upon combinations of Additional Unsubsidized Indicator, Dependency Status, Grade Level, and Award Amount. The new edits are all at the Award Level, but on different tags, and can therefore be triggered simultaneously if more than one edit applies.

Dependency Status and Additional Unsubsidized Indicator are now required fields.

Additionally, a new edit (Edit 157) will be returned when an award is submitted for a dependent, undergraduate student causing the sum of award amounts for subsidized and unsubsidized loans exceeds the Base Annual Loan Limit and the student is not eligible to receive Additional Unsubsidized Loans.

The new edits are described in detail in Volume II, Section 4 - Edits.

DL Rebuild File

The DL Rebuild file will display the following fields in the specified positions:

- Additional Unsubsidized Indicator in field position 164
- MPN Expiration Date in field position 926-933
- PPCI in field position 934

The DL Rebuild file will be updated as follows:

Rebuild Origination Detail Record—Import from Common Origination and Disbursement System						
Field #	Start Position	End Position	Field Length	Field Name and Description	Valid Field Content	Justify
16	164	164	1	Additional Unsubsidized Indicator	Required for unsubsidized 2008-2009 and forward: 'Y' = Yes 'N' = No Blank for unsubsidized 2007-2008 and prior, and all subsidized and PLUS	Left
17	165	172	8	Full Participants: Not applicable	0-9 Can be blank Full Participants: always blank	Right
145	926	933	8	MPN Expiration Date	Format is CCYYMMDD Valid for 2008-2009 Award Year and forward.	Date
146	934	934	1	Pre-Professional Coursework Indicator (PPCI)	Valid for 2008-2009 awards and forward: 'Y' = Yes 'N' = No Can be blank	Left
147	935	958	24	Filler	For ED Use Only	Left

For more information, please reference the *Performing Annual Loan Limit Edits* topic in Volume II, Section 1 - Implementation Guide. A complete modified layout of the DL Rebuild file will be available in Volume VI, Section 8 – COD Reports.

Scheduled Award Amount, Eligibility Used, and Total Eligibility Used for ACG and National SMART Grant

Beginning with the 2008-2009 award year and forward, the COD System will calculate Percent Eligibility Used by Scheduled Award (EU) and Total Percent Eligibility Used by Academic Year Level (TEU) for all ACG and National SMART Grant awards. The Scheduled Award Amount will also be added for all ACG and National SMART Grant Awards. EU and TEU will be calculated slightly differently for ACG and National SMART Grant than it is for Pell. The EU calculation will be driven by Academic Year Level as well as by the Student's Award, Attended School, and Award Year, and the TEU calculation will be driven by Academic Year Level, across all Schools, across all Award Years.

The COD System calculates EU and TEU for ACG and National SMART Grant as follows:

$$\text{EU \%} = 100\% \times (\text{Sum of Actual Disbursements of Award} - \text{DMCS Repayments of Award}) \div \text{Scheduled Award Amount}$$

Note: Scheduled Award Amount is the maximum award amount by Academic Year Level and Award Year.

The TEU calculation for ACG and National SMART as follows:

$$\text{TEU \%} = \text{Sum of all EU \% 's at each applicable Academic Year Level}$$

Note: The COD System considers Academic Year Levels 0 and 1 to be the same when calculating TEU %.

For more information regarding ACG EU and TEU, please reference the Submitting ACG Disbursement Information and Disbursement Release Indicator topic in Volume II, Section 1 - Implementation Guide. For more information regarding National SMART EU and TEU, please reference the Submitting National SMART Grant Disbursement Information and Disbursement Release Indicator topic in Volume II, Section 1 - Implementation Guide.

Please note that COD plans to perform a one time cleanup in order to populate the TEU, EU, and Scheduled Award Amount within the COD System for ACG and National SMART Grant for Award Years 2006-2007 and 2007-2008. Once this cleanup is completed the COD web site will display this data. No school reports prior to the 2008-2009 Award Year will have this data populated for the Pell, ACG, or National SMART Grant Programs.

The updates to the TEU, EU, and Scheduled Award Amount for ACG and National SMART Grant for Award Years 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 will also be sent to NSLDS for Award Years 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 in a separate cleanup. This cleanup will be completed on a scheduled date after the 2008-2009 award year begins in March 2008.

Common Record Response Tags

Beginning with the 2008-2009 Award Year, the COD System will return the TEU % in the tag <TotalEligibilityUsed> in the Common Record Response in the Response section of the Award block, as well as in the Negative Disbursement Response for the ACG and National SMART Grant Programs. The COD System will also return the Year-to-Date Disbursement (YTD) Amount for each ACG and National SMART award beginning with Award Year 2008-2009 and forward. This amount will be returned in the tag <YTDDisbursementAmount> in the Common Record Response in the Response section of the Award block, as well as in the Negative Disbursement Response. This value will be the sum of all the Actual Disbursements for that specific ACG or National SMART award.

Rigorous High School Program Codes

Effective beginning in 2007-2008, the following Rigorous High School programs are eligible:

Missouri	Missouri Show Me Scholars	MO6001
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Granite State Scholars	NH6001
South Dakota	South Dakota Scholars	SD6001
Wyoming	Wyoming State Scholars	WY6001

A complete list of Rigorous High School Program Codes can be found in Volume VI, Section 9 – Rigorous Secondary School Programs of Study, and Eligible Majors.

Eligible Majors

Effective beginning in 2007-2008, the following majors are eligible:

01.1001	Food Science
01.1002	Food Technology and Processing
03.0104	Environmental Science
03.0301	Fishing and Fisheries Sciences and Management
03.0502	Forest Sciences and Biology
03.0509	Wood Science and Wood Products/Pulp and Paper Technology
03.0601	Wildlife and Wildlands Science and Management
30.1001	Biopsychology
30.1901	Nutritional Sciences
42.1101	Physiological Psychology/Psychobiology

A complete list of Eligible Majors can be found in Volume VI, Section 9 – Rigorous Secondary School Programs of Study, and Eligible Majors.

Modified

Updates to Reports

The COD System will update the following reports for Award Year 2008-2009 and forward to display values for the Scheduled Award Amount, Percent Eligibility Used by Scheduled Award, and Total Eligibility Used by Academic Year Level:

- Pell, ACG, National SMART Grant Multiple Reporting Record (MRR)
- Pell, ACG, National SMART Grant Year to Date (YTD)

The tables below only highlight changes that have been made for the 2008-2009 Award Year and forward. For the updated, complete Record Layouts, please refer to Volume VI, Section 8 – COD Reports.

Multiple Reporting Record Layout

The following modifications have been made to the Pell MRR layout:

- The Eligibility Used field has been renamed to Percent Eligibility Used by Scheduled Award
- The Eligibility Used in field position 381-385 has been expanded to 7 bytes and moved to position 442-448
- Positions 381-385 are now an unused field

The Pell Multiple Reporting Record layout will be updated as follows:

Pell Grant Multiple Reporting Record						
Field Positions First Last		Length (# of Bytes)	Type	Field Name	Description	Valid Values
381	385	5	A	Unused	Reserved for future expansion	Constant spaces
442	448	7	N	Percent Eligibility Used by Scheduled Award	The percentage of the student's eligibility used	Format = 0000000 The last 4 digits represent less than 1 percent. Field does not include decimal point or %.
449	450	2	A	Unused	Reserved for future expansion	Constant spaces

The following modifications have been made to the ACG and National SMART Grant MRR layout:

- The unused in field position 321-327 has been renamed ACG (or National SMART Grant) Scheduled Award
- Positions 463-469 have been added and populated with the Percent Eligibility Used by Scheduled Award
- Positions 470-476 have been added and populated with the Total Percent Eligibility Used by Academic Year Level
- The total record length will be increased to 476 bytes from 462 bytes (14 bytes increase)

The ACG and National SMART Grant Multiple Reporting Records have been updated as follows:

ACG, National SMART Grant Multiple Reporting Records						
Field Positions First Last		Length (# of Bytes)	Type	Field Name	Description	Valid Values
321	327	7	N	ACG (or National SMART Grant) Scheduled Award	The Maximum Award Amount set prior to the beginning of the Award Year.	Range = 0000000 to AWARD AMOUNT MAX
463	469	7	N	Percent Eligibility Used by Scheduled Award	Field is calculated by summing all of the accepted and funded disbursement records for an award, subtracting any DMCS repayments for the award, and dividing that amount by the Scheduled Award Amount for the award.	Format = 0000000 The last 4 digits represent less than 1 percent. Field does not include decimal point or %.
470	476	7	N	Total Percent Eligibility Used by Academic Year Level	Total Eligibility Used across ALL Schools and Award Years for each applicable Academic Year Level.	Format = 0000000 The last 4 digits represent less than 1 percent. Field does not include decimal point or %.

Year-To-Date Layout

The following modifications have been made to the Pell Year-To-Date Record (Disbursement) layout:

- Positions 66-72 are populated with the Percent Eligibility Used by Scheduled Award
- Positions 73-79 are populated with the Total Percent Eligibility Used

The Pell Year-To-Date Record (Disbursement) layout has been updated as follows:

Pell Grant Year-To-Date Record (Disbursement)						
Field Positions First Last		Length (# of Bytes)	Type	Field Name	Description	Valid Values
66	72	7	N	Percent Eligibility Used by Scheduled Award	The percentage of the student's eligibility used by the scheduled award at an institution.	Format = 0000000 The last 4 digits represent less than 1 percent. Field does not include decimal point or %.
73	79	7	N	Total Percent Eligibility Used	Total Eligibility Used across ALL Schools.	Format = 0000000 The last 4 digits represent less than 1 percent. Field does not include decimal point or %.
80	103	24	A/N	Unused	Reserved for future expansion	Constant spaces

The following modifications have been made to the ACG and National SMART Grant Year-To-Date (Origination) layout:

- The unused in field position 252-256 has been renamed ACG (or National SMART Grant) Scheduled Award

The ACG and National SMART Grant Year-To-Date Records (Origination) have been updated as follows:

ACG, National SMART Grant Year-To-Date Records (Origination)						
Field Positions First Last		Length (# of Bytes)	Type	Field Name	Description	Valid Values
252	256	5	N	ACG (or National SMART Grant) Scheduled Award	The Maximum Award Amount set prior to the beginning of the Award Year.	Range = 0000000 to AWARD AMOUNT MAX

The ACG and National SMART Grant Year-To-Date Records (Disbursement) have been updated as follows:

ACG, National SMART Grant Year-To-Date Records (Disbursement)						
Field Positions First Last		Length (# of Bytes)	Type	Field Name	Description	Valid Values
66	72	7	N	Percent Eligibility Used by Scheduled Award	Field is calculated by summing all of the accepted and funded disbursement records for an award, subtracting any DMCS repayments for the award, and dividing that amount by the Scheduled Award Amount for the award.	Format = 0000000 The last 4 digits represent less than 1 percent. Field does not include decimal point or %.
73	79	7	N	Total Percent Eligibility Used by Academic Year Level	Total Eligibility Used across ALL Schools and Award Years for each applicable Academic Year Level.	Format = 0000000 The last 4 digits represent less than 1 percent. Field does not include decimal point or %.
80	103	24	A/N	Unused	Reserved for future expansion	Constant spaces

Verification-W Cut-Off Deadline Date Functionality

The Verification W cut-off deadline date (Last Day to accept W) has been created to prevent Verification W records from being accepted into the COD System after a specified date (the annual Federal Register Notice published COD processing deadline date, which normally is September 30, 2009). The COD system will reject all Pell Award originations, award increases, maintenance records which change the verification status of the Pell Award to 'W', disbursements, or disbursement increases for awards with a verification status of 'W' if the record is submitted after the specific Verification W cut-off date. Beginning with the 2008-2009 Award Year, new Reject Edit 145 for origination/award errors and new Reject Edit 146 for disbursement errors will be returned.

For the 2008-2009 award year and forward, but before the annual Verification W cut-off deadline date, COD will allow a school to increase the disbursement back from zero without triggering Reject Edit 114 if the award has had its disbursements reduced as a result of the Verification W Reduction job. Edit 114 has been changed to only trigger for award years less than or equal to 2007-2008.

For more information regarding the above, please reference the Deobligation of Funds Due to Verification Status "W" topic in Volume II, Section 1 - Implementation Guide. The new Edits are described in detail in Volume II, Section 4 - Edits.

Separate Edit 016

Beginning with Award Year 2008-2009 and forward, the COD System has divided Edit 016 into four separate and more specific edits: 150, 151, 152, and 153. This will allow COD to provide more specific and accurate edit messages to schools explaining why their record was rejected.

The new edits are described in detail in Volume II, Section 4 - Edits.